

**Division on Earth and Life Studies
Board on Environmental Studies and Toxicology**

June 9, 2022

Kai Thompson
Task Order Contracting Officer Representative
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ORD/CCTE
1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW

Washington, DC 20460

Re: Monthly Progress Report, Variability and Relevance of Current Laboratory Mammalian Toxicity Tests and Expectations for New Approach Methods (NAMs) for use in Human Health Risk Assessment, Contract #68HERC19D0011; Task Order # 68HERC21F0178

Dear Mr. Thompson:

This progress report for the contract task referenced above covers the month of May 2022.

Since project inception, the work accomplished has included preparation and distribution of the call for nominations for the project committee; screening of individual nominations; preparation of a committee nomination slate for National Academies approval; web posting of the approved provisional committee roster for a 20-day public comment period; planning and conduct of two workshops; and organization and conduct of other open data-gathering sessions as well as closed meetings of the committee. No QA/QC activities or corrective actions have been undertaken.

During the reporting period, National Academies staff organized and conducted the second workshop of the committee on May 12, 2022. In preparation for this data-gathering session of the committee, National Academies staff finalized logistical arrangements, including for the expert participants. National Academies staff also finalized the arrangements for the webcast and maintained the workshop website for public registration and for dissemination of meeting materials (including the workshop agenda, pre-recorded videos, participant and committee biographical information, and National Academies staff contact information). National Academies staff also provided logistical information to registrants and arranged, if requested

during registration, for participants to provide comments to the committee during the public comment session of the workshop.

Following the workshop, National Academies staff provided EPA with a final list of workshop attendees and public commenters. In all, there were a total of 252 viewers on the webcast and 135 unique viewers who joined the webinar from within the United States and from 20 other countries. A video recording of the workshop was made available via the workshop website (<https://www.nationalacademies.org/event/05-12-2022/new-approach-methods-nams-for-human-health-risk-assessment-workshop-2>).

A closed session committee meeting was convened on May 16, 2022, to share reflections on the data-gathering session. During this meeting, the committee also discussed the draft consensus report, the literature review, and plans for future meetings during 2022, with the support of project staff. In addition, subgroup meetings of the committee were conducted, to advance screening of the results of the literature search conducted with the support of the NASEM librarian.

During the forthcoming period, National Academies staff anticipate organizing and conducting subgroup meetings of the committee, to advance screening, organizing, and analyzing the results of the literature review. Other anticipated effort will include soliciting background material and committee availability for forthcoming open and closed sessions of the committee as a whole and in subgroups. Additionally, National Academies staff will also arrange travel and provide logistical support for committee meetings that will be conducted in person.

A summary and details of project-related expenditures are provided below.

Financial information for May 2022:

Labor Cost	\$	Ex. 4 CBI
ODCs	\$	
Overhead	\$	
G&A	\$	
Total May 2022	\$	35,402.85

The total expenditures since inception are \$ 368,264.54. The attached figures and tables show dollars spent, a comparison of total funds spent and labor costs, cumulative funds spent by activity (excluding labor), and cumulative hours worked by National Academies staff.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Z. Guyton

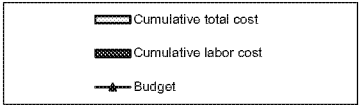
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Total Dollars Spent (Thousand)

Ex. 4 CBI

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Comparison of Total Funds Spent and Labor Cost

Dollars (thousands)

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Monthly

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Dollars spent

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⌘ Funds Spent this Period ⌘ Total funds spent to date

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Hours

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